

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9015

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Amanda Ford, recipient of the 2021 Teaching Excellence and Leadership Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding professors who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Amanda Ford of Newport is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ford was recently honored by Carson-Newman University with the 2021 Teaching Excellence and Leadership Award, a most befitting accolade that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many lives; and

WHEREAS, presented to non-tenured faculty members since 1990, the Teaching Excellence and Leadership Award recognizes exceptional ability, positive student feedback, and future promise; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ford is an assistant professor of history and political science at Carson-Newman; she graduated from that same institution as an honor student in 2006, thereafter earning her master's degree at Queens College in Belfast, Ireland, before completing her doctoral degree at the University of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, credited with going above and beyond in leadership and service, Dr. Amanda Ford chaired the Faculty Enhancement Committee and served on the Fall Faculty Workshop Committee and as co-advisor for three student honor societies: Mortar Board, Alpha Chi, and Phi Alpha Theta, which co-hosted social events and campus events on civil rights; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this most recent award, Dr. Ford was the recipient of the 2019 Mentoring Award, one of the top awards given to faculty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Amanda Ford serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ford truly epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Amanda Ford on her receipt of the 2021 Teaching Excellence and Leadership Award from Carson-Newman University, commend her exceptional service to the students of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.